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"School's Out!" as if you can't tell by the happy faces of these James Clark School children . . . photo by Jack Devine

Going on a Trip? Don't Forget Your Mail

Making arrangements for holding or forwarding mail prior to leaving home for vacations can save customers a lot of misery and inconvenience, Postmaster Robert R. DeForge reminded local residents today.

"An over-flowing mailbox can be an open invitation to burglars," Postmaster DeForge said. "letting mail or newspapers pile up is advertising the fact that the house or apartment will be empty and unguarded."

Householders should ask a friend or neighbor to check their mailbox daily and to hold their mail until vacation's over.

Or, if they prefer, they can ask the Post Office to hold their mail for up to 30 days, or to forward it to the vacation address.

The postmaster offered these additional tips for taking some of the worry out of vacation planning:

Vacationers should buy enough stamps for scenic postcards and other correspondence before they leave. They may not be conveniently near a post office later.

They should use sufficient postage -- ten cents for postcards and 15 cents for letters weighing one ounce or less. For letters weighing more than one ounce, the

additional postage is 13 cents an ounce.

Mail should be deposited, when possible, at post offices or in downtown, business district collection boxes, where more frequent pickups are made.

Travelers should be sure they have the addresses and correct ZIP Codes for persons with whom they'll be corresponding. In fact, the Postmaster says, it might be a good idea to write or type them on envelopes before leaving home, just in case. Envelopes and cards should also bear a return address.

"And please write legible," Postmaster DeForge said.

Change in Law Regarding Stop Signs

The Registry of Motor Vehicles announced today that a change has been made in the law regarding stop signs. The change in the law states that, except when directed to proceed by a police officer, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign or flashing red signal indication shall stop. Prior to the change, only the first vehicle in a line of 3 was required to stop at the sign or signal and the second and third vehicles in the line,

having already stopped behind the first vehicle, were not required to stop again before proceeding through the intersection. This is no longer the case. The changed law also states that, if a clearly marked line does not exist the driver must stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. If there is neither a line or crosswalk, then the driver must stop at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where a

clear view of approaching traffic can be obtained. Also, after having stopped, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways. The change in the law became effective on March 21, 1978.

Town Council Says "No" to Chief of Police Under Civil Service

By Bill Carr

Last Monday's Town Council meeting provided no fireworks in their final caucus for June. However, the agenda served up some spirited debate.

Harriet Keil of Agawam, highlighted the meeting during the "Citizens Speak Time." Mrs. Keil commented, "I will not pay taxes to something I don't believe in." (referring to the town manager's form of government). In a later interview with Mrs. Keil, she stated that Agawam should not centralize their libraries. Mrs. Keil also feels that the libraries in Feeding Hills and North Agawam should have remained open. In closing, Mrs. Keil offered her opinion on the new high school library, "That library is too centralized, the elderly can't get to it and I won't ride any mini-bus to get there."

Addendum 5a, concerning the director of data processing proved to be the most hotly contested item on the agenda. The point of concern was Councilman David Ladizinski's proposed amendment to waive the salary of \$3000 a year, provided the present Director David Gallano, already holding two jobs for the town, remains at the position.

From the outset, Councilor Ladizinski's amendment met stiff opposition, especially from Councilors Bartnik, Colli and Paleologopoulos. The amendment moved Councilor Colli to comment, "If this goes through, where are we going to get somebody to do the job for only \$3000?" After a 5 minute break the council reconvened to vote down Ladizinski's amend-

ment 12-1, and the addendum was passed 12-0, with Ladizinski abstaining.

Tabled from the previous two meetings, was the issue of the police chief and civil service. During the debate a question over who would hire the chief, if he was removed from civil service. However, Town Manager Caputo silenced the rumor by assuring the council that he would do the hiring and firing at the chief's level. With all the heavy debate the decision of the council was to send a resolution to the state house. The resolution would state that the Agawam Town Council would like to see the Agawam Police Chief out of civil service.

As for now the debate at the town level appears to be over. What happens next seems to be in the hands of the state.

Council for Children Seeks Ban

If you wish to support a ban on motorcycles in Robinson State Park plan to attend the Town Council Meeting at Agawam Junior High School, Wednesday, July 5-8:00 p.m.. Testimony may be given.

The Council for Children has requested a ban on all motorcycles in Robinson State Park due to the damage being done by the cyclists creating hill climbs,

tearing terrains up and ravaging the park in many areas. The abutting neighbors have had serious problems with the cyclists using their property and creating disturbances at night. We have received numerous phone calls in support of the ban.

If you wish to see the natural beauty of the park restored, plan to attend the meeting!

Great Books Discussion

The Agawam Public Library is conducting a Great Books Discussion group on every other Thursday night at the Agawam Center Library. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about 2 hours. The material to be read and discussed is available at the

Center Library. There are a few openings in the group and anyone interested should contact the Library. The next meeting will be June 15th and the story to be discussed is "The Temptation of Jack Orkney" by Doris Lessing.

Positions Open in Town

Town Manager Peter Caputo has announced that he is accepting applications for the positions of Town Prosecutor, and a seat on the Town Report Committee.

Stating that he wants "to get the best qualified people" for any town positions, Caputo said that he "encourages anyone who is interested" in the slots to send a brief resume to him at the town hall.

Caputo said that those who have already sent in resumes can be assured that they are on file and will be considered. Incumbents seeking re-appointment should indicate their intentions in a letter addressed to Mr. Caputo.

The BRITISH Are Coming!

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Rotary Club Public Auction

The first annual Agawam Rotary Club Public Auction will be held on Saturday, July 8, 1978, 1-4 p.m. at the Westfield Savings Bank, grounds on Main Street, Agawam. Rain or Shine. All proceeds will benefit the Agawam Library Building Fund.



... And summer's here!

photo by Jack Devine

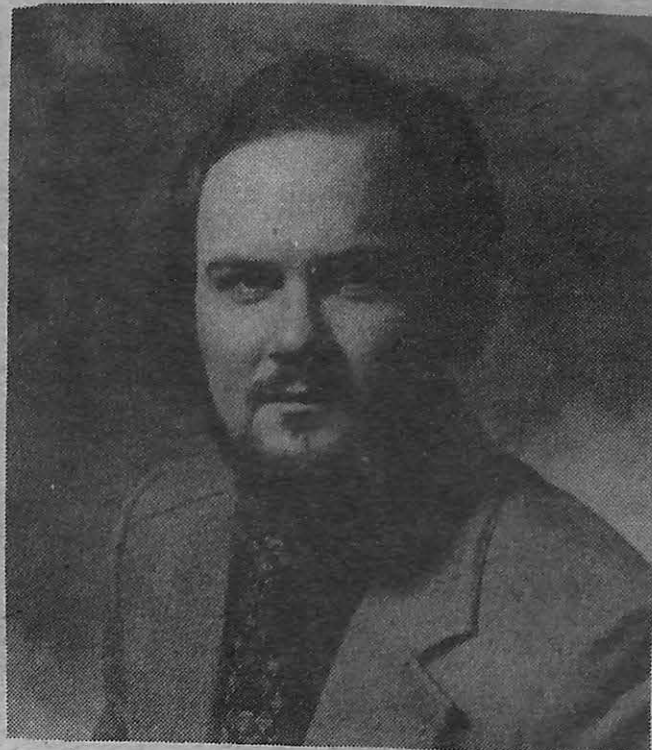
Hare Chosen "Outstanding Young Man"

Alan Brian Hare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hare of 75 Edgewater Road, Agawam, has been chosen one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" of 1978.

The award is given each year to a small group of young men from the entire United States who have demonstrated their excellence in professional

endeavors and civic activities. Brian was cited for "his diligent work in making his town, as well as his country, a better place in which to live."

Mr. Hare will be graduating in August as a Doctor of Chiropractor from the Columbia Institute of Chiropractors on Long Island.



Alan Brian Hare

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street, Agawam, Mass.

Menu:

6/26: Pepper steak, shredded potatoes, zucchini, cookies
6/27: Swedish meatballs, rice, broccoli, blueberry tarts
6/28: Ham, french fries, cabbage, plums
6/29: Spinach pie, lettuce, ice cream
6/30: Creamed tuna over rice, sweet sour bean salad, apple crisp.
7/3: Lamb patties, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, peaches
7/5: Chicken breast, noodles, peas, cake
7/6: Lasagne, lettuce, Jello
7/7: Baked fish, potato puffs, carrots, Bavarian cream
Our Polish dinner on Wednesday was a great success and everyone is now looking forward to our "Norwegian" lunch July 21. We do our inter-continental travel right here in the Senior Center—for 50¢!
We still have plenty of "VIAL OF LIFE" Forms and vials for any one who would like them. They are free and can be picked up any time.

This week we will start selling the tickets to the baseball game August 10th. Price for ticket and bus is \$8.-. We have 82 tickets - don't wait until August 9th!

The Mountain Farm Mall in Hadley will have their "Senior Awareness Day" July 12 with craft and health clinics in the morning, a free lunch at noon and entertainment in the afternoon. For \$1.10 you can get on the bus with us and enjoy a fine fun day. Please sign up!

Just a few lonely seats left for Hampden beach June 27, Tuesday. We leave at 8:30 am and your ticket is \$3.55.

Agawam Residents Graduate From HCC

A number of students from Agawam were awarded associate degrees from Holyoke Community College at commencement exercises held June 3 on the HCC campus.

Pamela A. Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Alexander, 78 Woodside Drive, received a degree in medical records technology.

Gail A. Bellame, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno L. Bellame, 11 Homestead Street, received a degree in the executive secretarial program with honors. She was a member of the Sigma Rho Honor Society and will be employed as a legal secretary at Bulkley, Richardson, Ryan and Gelinas in Springfield.

Margaret A. Bowers, 72 N. Alhambra Circle, received a degree in medical records technology with honors. She is married to Rene G. Bowers.

Karen A. Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Campbell, 591 Suffield Street, received a degree in early childhood education with honors. She

plans to continue her studies in special education.

Cheryl A. Hallbauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hallbauer, 63 Woodside Drive, received a degree in the executive secretarial program.

Kathleen E. Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hayes, 200 Adams Street, received a degree in art education. She plans to transfer to the University of Mass. in Amherst and major in art education.

Edward H. Hope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hope, 30 Senator Avenue, received a degree in arts and science.

Holly R. Kinnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kinnell, 76 Silver Lake Drive, received a degree with honors in veterinary and animal science. She was a member of the Dean's List and Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. She will be employed as a veterinary technician for Dr. G.B. Cutting, DVM in Chicopee.

Theresa L. Kopyscinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kopyscinski, 200 Rowley Street, received a

degree in the executive secretarial program. She plans to seek employment in this field.

Kevin M. LaFrance, son of Mr. Roland, LaFrance, Springfield, and Mrs. Joseph Cini, 1197 River Road, received a degree in law enforcement.

Eileen N. Leask, 76 Pineview Circle, received a degree with high honors in the executive secretarial program.

Mark E. MacGilvray, 24 Dwight Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacGilvray, New Hampshire, received a degree with high honors in arts and science. He was a member of the Dean's List and Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. He plans to transfer to Amherst College and major in biology. He is married to Dianne MacGilvray.

Charlene A. Maniscalchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Maniscalchi, 112 Brien Street, received a degree with honors in early childhood education. She will be employed as individual teacher at the Children's

Language Institute in Ludlow.

Janet M. McCollum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Knapp, 184 Silver Street, received a degree with high honors in nursing.

Shirley J. Pease, 100 Elm Street, received a degree in business administration.

Celeste M. Petrone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Petrone, 59 Federal Street, received a degree in corrections. She plans to continue her education at night and seek full time employment.

Julie M. Rackliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Rackliffe, 95 Edgewater Road, received a degree in computer technology.

Carmen A. Rondinelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rondinelli, 28 Homestead Street, received a degree in arts and science.

Leila M. Soffen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Soffen, 66 Cooper Street, received a degree in the executive secretarial program with high honors. She was a member of the Sigma Rho Honor Society, General Court of Justice, library committee alumni representative, cultural affairs, constitution committee, budget committee, grievance committee, student senate secretary, student senate parliamentarian, and social activities committee chairperson.

Walter C. Soverow, 657 Silver Street, received a degree in retail management.

Bryan J. Troie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Troie, 69 Randall Street, received a degree in business administration. He was a member of the Sigma Rho Honor Society and Dean's List. He plans to continue his education in business administration.

Deborah L. Trudell, 241 Leonard Street, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Florek, Sr., Westfield, received a degree in veterinary and animal science with honors. She was a member of the Dean's List and plans to continue her education at night school. She is married to Richard Trudell, Jr.

Harry R. Vandergrift, 152 Mallard Circle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vandergrift, received a degree in environmental science. He is married to Lois Vandergrift.

Stephan J. Walkowicz, Regency Apts., received a degree in business studies.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee will hold a "Public Hearing" on July 5, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. in the Agawam Junior High School Cafeteria on Springfield St. in Feeding Hills, Ma.

Purpose: To discuss and review the State Charter Revision, Draft Number One.

RUDY ALTOBELLI
CHAIRMAN, AGAWAM
DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Home Box Office Listings

**MONDAY
JUNE 26**

6:00 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
Move over, Lassie! (G-1:34) p.15
8:00 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS
On Location. Taped at the Improvisation West in L.A. p.18
9:30 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights. (tape) p.21
10:00 AIRPORT 77
Bravura performance by Lee Grant (PG-1:57) p.14
12:00 ROAD TO SALINA
A perverse family harbors a deadly secret (R-1:36) p.12

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 28**

6:30 GRAND THEFT AUTO
Written by, directed by and starring Ron Howard of *Happy Days* (PG-1:29) p.10
8:00 HELEN REDDY
SRO. A star-studded evening with great singing. p.21
9:00 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights. (tape) p.21
9:30 LENNY
Jan Miner as Lenny's "always on" mother (B/W-R-1:52) p.21
11:30 WHERE'S POPPA?
Ingenious Carl Reiner sight gags (R-1:27) p.11

**TUESDAY
JUNE 27**

6:30 HOCUS POCUS, IT'S MAGIC!
Standing Room Only. p.11
8:00 FOOD OF THE GODS
One-time evangelist Marjoe Gortner stars (PG-1:28) p.19
9:30 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights. (tape) p.21
10:00 THE ENFORCER
A winner for Clint Eastwood fans (R-1:36) p.9
12:00 SHECKY GREENE
On Location. Shecky was never greater! p.13

**THURSDAY
JUNE 29**

6:00 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
Fred Astaire (G-1:34) p.15
8:00 ONE ON ONE
Nobody believed in him—except himself (PG-1:38) p.19
10:00 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights. (tape) p.21
10:30 BOBBIE JOE AND THE OUTLAW
Gortner was hero of Oscar documentary *Marjoe* (R-1:29) p.16
12:00 CROSS OF IRON
Searing war action with James Coburn, Maximilian Schell and James Mason (R-2:00) p.15

**FRIDAY
JUNE 30**

6:30 FOOD OF THE GODS
Is H.G. Wells right again in this prediction? (PG-1:28) p.19
8:00 THE TOWN THAT DREADED SUNDOWN

Premiere. Not everyone on Lovers' Lane had the same thing in mind (R-1:30) p.20
9:30 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights. (tape) p.21
10:00 ROAD TO SALINA
Rita Hayworth (R-1:36) p.12
12:00 LENNY
Dustin Hoffman and Valerie Perrine in story of Lenny Bruce (B/W-R-1:52) p.21

**SATURDAY
JULY 1**

2:00 AIRPORT 77
All-star cast (PG-1:57)
4:00 ONE ON ONE
Robby Benson plays college basketball (PG-1:38)
6:00 AIRPORT 77
Hijack of jetsetters and art treasures (PG-1:57)
8:00 BETWEEN THE LINES
First Showing. Trials and tribulations of youths running a newspaper (R-1:41)
10:00 DEATH RACE 2000
First Showing. Producer Roger Corman a Hollywood success story (R-1:19)
11:30 BETWEEN THE LINES
Low-key comedy (R-1:41)

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**SUNDAY
JULY 2**

2:30 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
Fred Astaire (G-1:34)
4:30 FOOD OF THE GODS
Marjoe Gortner (PG-1:28)
6:00 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
Barbara Eden (G-1:34)
8:00 AMERICA AT THE MOVIES
First Showing. How Hollywood saw America (G-1:56)
10:00 HOCUS POCUS, IT'S MAGIC!
11:30 BOBBIE JOE & THE OUTLAW
Lynda Carter (R-1:29)
1:00 FREDDIE PRINZE

**Benefit
Baseball Game**

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will participate in a benefit baseball game against the Coaches & Managers of the Sacred Heart Athletic Field on Rte. 57 in Agawam, Mass. The Double-header game will start at 4:00 p.m. with the Coaches & Managers playing the Agawam Junior Women and will be followed by the Sacred Heart Coaches & Managers playing their sons. Admission is free and the Proceeds from the Raffles and Refreshments will benefit the Jimmy Fund.

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Library Summer Reading Club

The Agawam Public Libraries will begin the annual Summer Reading Club program on Friday, July 14, 1978, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Public Library II, 862 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The club will meet for six consecutive Friday mornings. An exciting new program will be sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association and the Town of Agawam.

A unique pair, the Mad Hatters, have conjured several shows from the magic hat of entertainment to provide the children of Agawam with magic tricks, puppet shows and clowning. The Mad Hatters, Dan Grady and Carol Smith, are professional performers with experience from Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey's Circus Clown College, The Little Red Wagon, The Big Apple

Puppet Theatre, etc. Ricki Mazor, an Agawam favorite will once again involve the children in a unique audience participation program with brand new stories from her storytelling bag. She, too, is a professional of creative drama.

An additional treat for Agawam youngsters will be provided when Mr. Hamburger from McDonald's distributes free punch and cookies on July 28th. Prizes will also be provided by McDonald's for all those children who participate in the Summer Reading Club. The Club will end with a big bang on August 18th with a bus trip to Forest Park's Kiddieland Zoo for a Zoofari.

Special flyers giving exact details for each event will be available at the Agawam Libraries. Pre-registration for Summer Reading Club may be done at either library, and must be done before July 14th.

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Margaret Trager, director of the Agawam Senior Center and Fire Chief Harry Schneider, display "Vial of Life."

photo by Jack Devine

"Vial of Life"

A new program designed to make available life saving information in case of emergency for senior citizens and individuals who live alone. A small plastic

vial is taped to the upper right hand shelf of the refrigerator. The vial contains necessary information regarding doctors name, medications and emergency

contact. The vials may be obtained by contacting the Senior Center, and are free of charge.

Chamber Schedules Outing

The Greater Spfld. Chamber of Commerce Annual 22nd outing will be held this year on Wednesday, July 19th, at Riverside Park. This annual fun time brings between 700-800 people together for one of the biggest parties of the year. Clams are back on the menu this year; hundreds of door prizes will be given away, along with a car donated once again by Beaulieu Chevrolet; the sports events will be in full gear, with the East Longmeadow, West Springfield, and Springfield Chamber teams playing their much rivaled games, which proves to be the top sporting event of the day;

and of course, the egg throwing contest which none of us could do without. A new innovation this year will be the excellent dance music of the Art Serafino Trio, playing from 7-11 P.M. Terry Garrow, Package Machinery Co., is General Chairman of the event. Committee Chairmen are as follows:
Food — Bob Touchette, Touchette's Catering Service
Entertainment — Jim Gallivan, Shawmut First Bank
Prizes — Bob Reavey, Community Savings Bank
Publicity — Ruth Ross Zucco, Consumers Packaging

Movies — Hal Stanton, Bay State Film Productions
Theme — Eleanor Funai, Women's Division, C of C
V.I.P. — Judy Matt, Baystate West Management Office
Sports — Jim Ferguson, Channel 22 TV
Raffle — Lucy Gensheimer, Western Mass. Electric Co.
West Spfld. Representative — Warren Schreiber, Warren Schreiber Insurance Agency
East Longmeadow Representative — Danny Burack, Maple Auto Supply
Menu Buffet - 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. — Clams, clam chowder, hotdogs, hamburgs, cheddar cheese, pickles, potato chips, relished, condiments and coffee.
Dinner - 6 p.m. - 1/2 Charcoal broiled chicken, baked potato - corn on the cob - salad - watermelon, rolls and coffee.

Mathews Elected to Board

Paul J. Mathews, director of respiratory therapy at Providence Hospital, has been elected to the board of directors of the Mass. Society of Respiratory Therapists. Mathews has held his present post for the past three years. The election was held earlier this month. Mathews resides at 93 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. He is also treasurer of the Western New England Respiratory Management Council.

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Four members of Robinson Park School Kindergarten Baton Class are shown during a recent town-wide baton competition. From left they are: Kristen Maneri, Melissa Brown, Anita David, and Danielle Morrier. Robinson Park School placed first out of all the elementary schools in Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

Laura Coppola Installed

Mrs. Laura Coppola was installed as Vice President of the Springfield Chapter, National Secretaries Association on Wednesday, June 21 at the Colosseum Banquet House. Mrs. Coppola was installed by Ms. Eleanor Fortune, CPS, President of the Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Division of NSA, assisted by M. Frances Combs, CPS, immediate past president of Springfield Chapter.

Mrs. Coppola is the wife of Thomas H. Coppola and they reside at 350 Meadow Street in Agawam. She is employed as secretary to G. Barton Griffin, CLU and Vice President of Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, Springfield.

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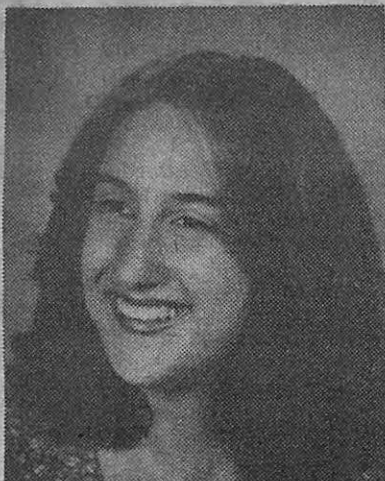
Jr. Women's Club Awards Scholarships



Laura Demusis



Janet May



Debra Santini

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will award \$300 this year in scholarships to three outstanding young women, recent graduates of Agawam High School.

The recipients of the scholarships are: Laura Ann DeMusis, Janet J. May, and Debra Santini.

Miss DeMusis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dubuque of 105 Channel Dr., Agawam will attend Bay Path Junior College to major in Fashion Merchandising. When asked what contribution she would like to make to society, Miss DeMusis replied, "I would like to put my best efforts into my college studies so that I will have the background and experience to help society in any way that I can." Miss DeMusis has been a volunteer worker for the Agawam Juniors and

a Varsity Track athlete.

The daughter of Mrs. Joyce May of 20 Federal Ave., Agawam, Miss Janet May was unavailable for comment as she is participating in an A.F.S. summer exchange program in Peru. The past president of American Field Service and varsity athlete will attend Bridgewater State

College to major in Pol. Sci. and Public Administration.

Miss Santini, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Santini of 75 Rhodes Ave., Feeding Hills, commented, "As an Art major, I hope to bring to society through the various medias of art, feelings of pleasure and knowledge." The former Treas. of the Office of Student Affairs

plans to attend Westfield State College as an Art Major.

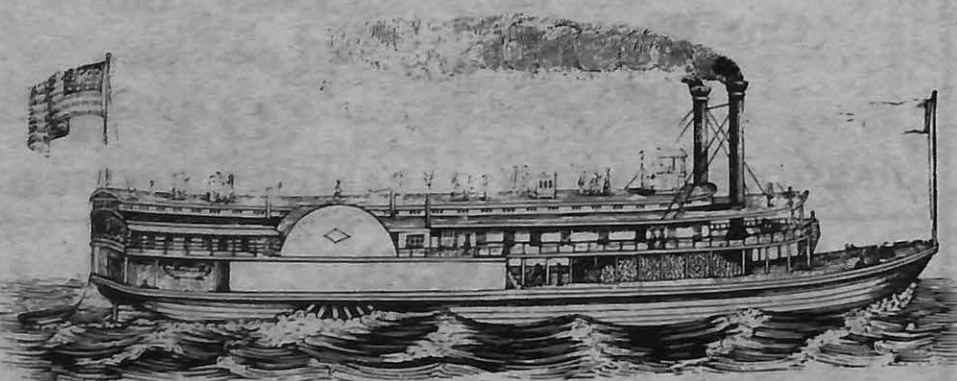
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Agawam Residents Attend Convention

Ms Helen Auton and Ms Judith Fine of Agawam were among the 37 delegates representing the 9,600 member Massachusetts

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The Rev. Emery Wallace, of the First Congregational Church, officiated at the June 17th wedding of Miss Brenda H. Devine and Mr. Bruce H. Theriaque. Mrs. Theriaque is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Devine of 60 Campbell Drive, Agawam. Mrs. Beverly Theriaque of 462 Cold Spring Avenue, West Springfield, and Mr. Kenneth Theriaque of 23 Hanover Street, West Springfield are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Theriaque was attended by her sister, Cathleen Devine, as maid of honor. Frederick Asta-Ferrero served as best man. Following a reception at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills, the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Florida.

Mrs. Theriaque attended Agawam High School and is a graduate of Fitchburg State College where she majored in nursing.

Mr. Theriaque attended West Springfield High School, and is employed at Laurino Folding Box, Inc. The couple will reside in Agawam.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Theriaque

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Sacred Heart News

by DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

Recently, the Sacred Heart Parish Council elected newly installed Officers of the Society for the 1978-79 season. Appointees are as follows. President-Julia Zajchowski, First Vice President-Florence Petito, Second Vice President-Trudy Beavis, Secretary-Martha Draghetti, Treasurer-Rose Mercandante, Advisor-Lucille Thornton, Theresa Barlow, Lois Mastromatto, and Mary Davis.

Last Father's Day, June 18th, the Rosary Altar

Society honored the holiday with a Bake Sale after all Saturday and Sunday masses. Mrs. Mary Spinelli was the Chairperson for the sale, with all the proceeds donated to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. A special thanks to all who patronize the sale, along with the many that made the sale successful.

Winners of the recent Stigmatine Fathers Scholarship Fund Raffle are as follows: First prize, John Ferioli, Agawam; Second Prize, David Deluca, Milford; and Third Prize,

Mrs. Harriet Maybury, Feeding Hills.

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association also wishes to remind youngsters who participated in the Walk Ten to please collect from their sponsors as soon as possible. Returns may be made to the rectory on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Members of the Parish Council recently attended a meeting for the West Hampden Deanery Pastoral Council held last June 15, at St. Peter's Parish Center in Westfield. The speaker at the meeting was F. Lee O'Neil Diocesan Director of Parish Councils. His topic was the current status of Parish Councils. All parish council members from across the region were in attendance.

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Secretaries Association Awards Scholarship

The Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) announces the award of its \$250. scholarship for 1978 to Miss Maria A. Germano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Germano of 807 Main Street, Agawam. The scholarship is presented annually to a local high school graduate who shows promise and interest in the field of secretarial science and who plans to continue her education in that career field at an accredited college. Miss Germano has been accepted at Springfield Technical Community College for the 1978-79 academic year.



She is a June graduate of Agawam High School where she was named a member of the National Honor Society in both her junior and senior years. She has achieved outstanding certificates in both stenography and office procedures, and is an active member of the Agawam High School Chapter of the

Future Secretaries Association.

Miss Germano was presented with the award certificate at a meeting of the Springfield Chapter, NSA which was held at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield on Wednesday, June 21, 1978.

Elms Graduates Two From Agawam



Chicopee, Mass.—At the 47th Commencement of the College of Our Lady of the Elms, 98 students received bachelor degrees in arts and science. The degrees were conferred by Most Rev. Joseph F. Maguire, Bishop of Springfield and Chancellor of the College. Among the area students receiving degrees were: Susan Louise McCarthy, 71 High Street, Agawam, and Beverly A. Smith Gumbs, 91 Hayes Ave., Feeding Hills.

Agawam Resident Graduate From STCC

The following list of Agawam/Feeding Hills residents were among the 1184 graduates of Springfield Technical Community College's class of 1978:

Law Enforcement	
Vincent J. Burba	24 Main Street
Raymond E. Gebo, Jr.	24 Main Street
Occupational Safety & Health Technology	
Robert C. Joyce	237 High Street
Engineering Transfer	
Lawrence A. Jasmin	18 Karen Drive
Stephen R. McCormack	20 Country Road
Data Processing	
George T. Michaels	125 Country Road
Henry Moriarty, Jr.	663 Main Street
Medical Assisting	
Carol Ann DiClementi	50 Elm Street
Sherry E. Kurtz	43 Spring Street
Mental Health Technology	
Jane Bragg	25 Alfred Circle
Business Administration	
Cynthia E. Ayre	38 Albert Street
Elwin A. Jock	56 Debra Lane
Gary L. Snyder	221 Regency Park
William A. Burns, Jr.	8 Sutton Place West
Albert Lattell	1815 Main Street
Kathleen M. Sipitkowski	14 Dover Street
Fred E. Barber	16 Faymore Drive
Joseph L. Cini	1197 River Road
Lisa J. Kibbe	40 Doane Avenue
Public Administration	
Daniel F. Sullivan	10 Winthrop Street
Dental Hygiene	
Yvette F. Doyle	109 Shoemaker Lane
Landscape Technology	
Kevin J. Quick	5 Church Street
Liberal Arts Transfer	
Evelyn Sanchez	24 Tracy Drive
Liberal Arts/General Studies	
Phyllis C. Gosselin	24 Channell Drive
Donna L. Jarvis	35 Mallard Circle
Mary B. Leblanc	145 Brien Street
Deborah L. Longey	52 Ley Street
Eugenia P. Ringuette	15 Porter Drive
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 1 & 2

Annual Agawam Festive 4th of July Weekend
July 1 - 7 P.M.

Band Concert & Fireworks
Agawam Senior High School

JULY 8

Rotary Club Public Auction
1-4 P.M.

Westfield Savings Bank - Main Street

JULY 6

The British Are Coming!
Agawam High School - Soccer Field - 6 P.M.

JULY 8 & 9

Arts & Crafts Festival
Main Street, Agawam Center

10 A.M.-5 P.M. on July 8th - 12 Noon-5 P.M. on July 9th
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JULY 12

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Editorials

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

Not too long ago a stray dog found its way to our yard on North Westfield Street. There was no immediate problem, as our Irish Setter had fun playing with him.

The stray was a nice little black and white male and we were sure he had a home somewhere, so we called the Agawam dog warden (who lives in West Springfield) to come and get the stray. After calling for half an hour and getting a busy signal, we called Agawam police station. They gave us the dog warden's home phone number to call. We called his home and when he answered, we told him about the stray dog. His exact answer was, "Sorry, I'm going out. I can't be bothered".

Then we called the police station again. They said they could not do anything for us, so the stray slept in our yard over night. The next morning we found him sleeping on top of our picnic table. At 7:30 am we called the dog warden again, getting him out of bed, and told him the dog was still here and would he please come and get him. He said, "Oh, I guess I'll have to come and get him". HE NEVER CAME.

I thought we were paying taxes in Agawam for this, among other, services. Also, why does the Agawam dog warden live in West Springfield? Agawam residents would really have to stretch it a bit to be proud of our dog warden.

A TAXPAYER

Town Council Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1978

8:00 P.M.

1. Citizens' Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes of regular meetings of June 12, 19, 1978.
5. Zone Change—Petition of The Greener Trust—Mitchell Zielinski from Business B to Residence A—Birch Hill Road & Elm Street. ACTION: Take whatever action the Council desires.
6. Transfer—\$15,035 from Human Resources—Acct. 101-#065 to Town Clerk Acct. 101-#013. ACTION: Take whatever action the Council desires.

7. Transfer—\$260 from Human Resources—Acct. 105-#065 to Town Clerk—Acct. 105-#013. ACTION: Take whatever action the Council desires.
8. Discussion—Recreational Vehicles—Robinson State Park. ACTION: Take whatever action the Council desires.
9. Resolution concerning Property Tax Relief. ACTION: Take whatever action the Council desires.
10. Voucher list. ACTION: Take whatever action the Council desires.
11. Any other matter that may legally come before the Council.
12. Adjournment.

Obituaries

Anna Carleo

Agawam—Anna F. (Siciliano) Carleo, 74 of 63 Norman Ter., Feeding Hills, died Friday at Mercy Hospital. Born in Italy, she was a lifelong resident of Agawam. Mrs. Carleo was a retired employee of the Milton Bradley Co., where she worked for more than 20 years. Her husband, Richard Carleo, died in 1959. She leaves four daughters, Mary Lebra, Phyllis Seidell, Geraldine Maynard and Frieda Settle, all of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Alfred Siciliano and James Siciliano, both of Springfield; and 16 grandchildren. The funeral was Monday at Frank M. Forastiere and Sons Funeral Home and in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Dina B. Lovotti

Agawam—Dina B. Lovotti, 81, of 56 Moore St., widow of Peter Lovotti, and a retired sorter for the Strathmore Paper Co., died Tuesday in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Born in Italy, she lived in Agawam most of her life and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. She leaves a son, Louis of Westfield; a daughter, Alice Massa, with whom she made her home; four sisters, Palmina Raimondi of Agawam and three sisters and three brothers, all of Italy; five

grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Friday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Theresa R. DePinto

Agawam—Theresa R. DePinto, 86, of 46 Rhodes Ave., widow of Michael DePinto, died Tuesday in Noble Hospital in Westfield. Born in Italy, she lived in Agawam most of her life and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She leaves four daughters, Mrs. Frank Demichele, Mrs. Anthony Demichele, Mrs. Charles Rossi and Christina DePinto, all of Agawam; a sister, Angela Maria Pasqualicchio of Bristol, Conn.; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Thursday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in Sacred Heart Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Robert McGuire

Agawam—Robert McGuire, 40, of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Agawam, a self-employed contractor, died Monday at home. Born in Agawam, he lived in Florida 20 years. He leaves his wife, Judith (Chechile) McGuire; three sons, Michael, Rickie and Robert, all at home; his



Janet Cook

photo by Jack Devine

Janet Cook, the lovely and knowledgeable lady who writes our "Down to Earth" column is a busy person. Not only does she work, she writes, lectures, runs a plant hospital, and finds time to be President of the Agawam Garden Club also.

Janet and her husband Don are now in the process of creating an Herb Garden at the Captain Charles House. Plants for the garden are being donated by the Board of Trustees of the House and the project is being completed in cooperation with the Agawam Garden Club. A completion date is set for mid-July at which the garden will be open for the public to inspect and enjoy.

Janet spends most of her time at Cascio's Nursery. The array of plants she raises and cares for is endless. Janet does interior plant design for both private homes and businesses. One "after-care" visit is included in the base price for this service, but Janet finds that most of her customers call on her skills on a regular

basis.

At Cascio's, Janet operates a "plant hospital", and says that the "mortality rate" is only about 5 percent. If you can't bring your plant in to Janet, she will make house calls, but by appointment only.

Raised on a farm in the Great Barrington area, Janet says that the first thing her father taught her was how to weed a garden properly. Janet's dad was very "ecology minded" before it became the in thing. He taught her to love, respect, and preserve what nature provides.

A lot of studying on her own, and a lot of learning-by-doing, has brought Janet from a part time job over five years ago, to the more than full time job she now enjoys.

Janet Cook is a truly unique and talented individual and we at the Agawam Advertiser/News consider ourselves fortunate to have her as part of our writing staff.

mother, Josephine (Grasso) McGuire of Pompano Beach; and a sister, Barbara Miller of Pompano Beach. The funeral and burial was in Pompano Beach. Forastiere and Sons Funeral Home, Springfield, was in charge. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Elizabeth A. Roberts

Agawam—Elizabeth Annette Roberts, 13-year-old daughter of David E. Roberts, and Joanne (Keeney) Linscott of 51 Cleveland St., died Sunday in Baystate Medical Center. Elizabeth was an honor seventh grade student at the Middle School.

Born in San Gelo, Texas, she had lived in Agawam many years and one of her hobbies was playing the piano.

Besides her parents, she leaves three sisters, Cynthia A. and Suzanne D. Roberts, both at home, and Katherine C. Linscott of Wilbraham.

The funeral was Wednesday at Bethany Assembly of God Church, Springfield,

with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, was in charge. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Albert J. Sylvestre

Agawam—Albert J. Sylvestre, 70, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Agawam, retired welder for Pratt & Whitney, division of United Technologies, East Hartford, Conn., died Sunday in a Mesa Hospital. Born in Canada, he lived in Agawam for 10 years before moving to Arizona three years ago. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Douglas Durocher of Ludlow and Mrs. Robert Armstrong of Shawnee, Kan.; three sisters, Mrs. Wilfred Bernard and Marie A. Sylvestre, both of Sutton, and Mrs. Arthur LeClerc of West Springfield; and five grandchildren. The funeral was Friday at the Ratell Funeral Home, Indian Orchard, and in St. John the Baptist Church, Ludlow, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard.

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



A very important public hearing will take place on June 28, 1978 at 7:30 at the Jr. High School, Springfield Street. At the hearing, residents will be given a chance to ask questions and air opinions on the two new proposed charters. Please attend. It is important for us all to be informed before we vote on an issue of such great importance. The future course of Agawam's government is the issue at hand. Read the charters printed in last week's edition, attend the public hearing. Let your voice be heard BEFORE the vote is taken.

We have received several calls from people concerned for the safety and well being of children riding "Big Wheels". It seems that a lot of children dart from driveways onto the road in these vehicles, and several children have nearly been hit by passing cars in the last few weeks. Motorists are urged to use caution, especially in the more residential area. Parents are urged to instruct children in the safe use of their toys, and to supervise little ones when they ride their trikes, bikes and big wheels. Don't let summer be marred by tragedy - especially when it can be avoided.

I urge all residents to attend the July 5, 1978 Town Council Meeting, and speak out in favor of banning motorcycles and dirt bikes from Robinson State Park. Don't let a few, unconcerned, selfish people spoil what could be Agawam's biggest asset. Urge your Councilors to vote to keep the park clean and safe for the enjoyment of all. In a town where most of the land is being used for housing, let us preserve this one beautiful gift of nature.

As usual, a gala Forth of July weekend is being planned for Agawam. There will be a fireworks display on Saturday, July 1st and a parade and town picnic on Sunday July 2nd. Turnout for these events have been excellent in the past. Join us-stay in town for the weekend-you'll be glad you did.

The British are coming! is what you've been seeing on posters throughout Agawam. A soccer team from England will be the guests of the Agawam Athletic Association's Suburban League soccer team for a match on Thursday, July 6.

We hope to see everyone at the High School Soccer field at 6 p.m. Admission is free, so come out and support your team.

FAIR Plan Offered By HUD

It's only natural that homeowners and apartment dwellers should be concerned with obtaining adequate insurance coverage, especially in high-crime areas. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has available a pamphlet entitled "Basic Property Insurance" which describes the FAIR (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements) Plan, a program authorized by the Urban Protection and Reinsurance Act of 1968 and administered by the Federal Insurance Administration under HUD in Washington, D.C.

In Springfield, the program is handled by the Insurance Services Office, 1200 Main Street, Springfield 01103. Tel.: (413) 739-5671. This association provides information on who may apply, eligible property, coverage, term, limits, rates, and premiums for fire and homeowners; insurance and tells you how to apply. You must be a Massachusetts property

owner, homeowner, or tenant unable to obtain adequate insurance elsewhere. Your property must pass a free inspection. The FAIR Plan also covers commercial property.

HUD reinsures insurance companies for excess losses in standard lines of property insurance coverage resulting from riots or civil disorders. Reinsured losses are shared among the insurance companies, the States, and the Federal Government. The sale of reinsurance is limited to companies that cooperate in the statewide plans to assure owners Fair Access to Insurance Requirements.

Further information on minimum criteria for FAIR plans and where and how to apply can be obtained from literature provided by the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association in Boston or the FREE pamphlet available at the Boston Area Office of HUD at 15 New Chardon Street, Boston, Mass. 02114. Tel.: (617) 223-4100.

E. A. Parent

Agawam—E. A. Parent, 80, of 886 Main St., former semi-pro baseball player and oldest active member of the Agawam Worthy Ponies, died Thursday in a local nursing home. A lifelong resident, he was a trimmer for the Strathmore Paper Co. for 40 years until his retirement 15 years ago. He leaves a son, Otis Patterson of Enfield, Conn.; two

daughters, Alice H. Strinste and Gloria L. Adams, both of Agawam; a brother, Paul of Springfield; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The funeral was Tuesday morning at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Donations may be made to the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club.



On Friday, June 16, 1978, the Agawam Chapter of Unico National presented to the Town of Agawam, a hospital bed and wheel chair comode to be used free by the townspeople of Agawam at the discretion of the Health Department. From left to right are: Ronald Young, Health Director; James V. Bruno Sr., Unico President; Paul J. D'Amato, Unico Mental Health Chairman.

photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Lionesses Install

The Board of Directors for the Agawam Lioness met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Cascio Jr. of Feeding Hills. The officers for the year 1978-79 are as follows:

President, Anne Cascio; Vice President, Marilyn Johnson; Secretary, Alice Collins and Treasurer, Stella Gallerani.

Angela Beaudry was installed as Hair Puller and Corresponding Secretary, Lucille Camyre; Program Committee is Marilyn Johnson, Dolly LaFleur,

Angela Beaudry, and Jean Clause. Ways & Means, Juanita Vining and Esther Stresko; Fellowship, Merle Cavanaugh; Membership, Alice Collins; Publicity, Ruth Ashline, and Telephone Committee, Florence Cascio and Frances Padyula.

Plans were formulated for the program for the coming year. It was decided to have a tag sale on October 14 & 15 at the home of Mrs. George Collins of Southwick St.

The Agawam Lioness

meets the 1st Monday of the month at the Federal Hill Club from October thru May.

The organization is a service group with its major responsibility to be supportive to the Agawam Lions. The finances are used for scholarships for Agawam High School students continuing their education in medically related fields. They also give Y.M.C.A. campership and contribute to various local groups.

Jr. Women Host Arts & Crafts Festival

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will host their Fourth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival July 8th and 9th along Main Street in Agawam Center. The weekend festival will begin Saturday morning and run from 10 to 5 on Saturday and from 12 to 5 on Sunday afternoon. Raindate will be the following weekend.

Agawam residents exhibiting this year include Sandra Dudek, calligraphy and watercolors; Carol Lawson, spoon jewelry; Susan Bishop & Claire Guevin, slate welcome signs and tole painting; Charles Larson, leaded glass creations; Lois Buiniskas, handpainted jewelry; Doris Maule & Jean Carpenter, china "bou-K's"; Carol Bracci, finished ceramic pieces; and the Agawam Congregational Church Ladies Aid Society, knitted and sewn items.

Besides the wide variety of fine art and quality craft displays, this year's fair will offer two new features. A silent auction will take place Saturday afternoon in the Captain Charles Leonard House. Bids will be accepted in writing from 12 to 5 on items donated by various artists and craftspeople appearing in the show. All proceeds will be used for

scholarships for next year's graduating class.

Another new feature this year will be a Recyclable Craft Table. For a minimal fee, children will be able to create their own craft item from everyday household items. Tours of the Leonard House will also be offered during both days of the

festival, and the Agawam Juniors will run a refreshment stand next to the Leonard House. There are still a few spaces open for artists or craftspeople wishing to exhibit, and entry blanks may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Rita Bluteau, 172 North Street, Agawam.

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"Music Tree" at Riverside

"Music Tree", an energetic group whose branches touch any number of musical endeavor, is making things happen at Riverside Park where it is appearing in the International Plaza Superdome nightly, through Sunday, June 25th.

Music Tree was formed in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and all six of its' members are natives of that state.

Each met through mutual contacts and newspaper revealings of one another's talents, according to Wendy, who is the leader.

Wendy Arden, 22, of Harrisburg, Pa., is one of two lead singers and her brother, Graig Arden, 19, beats the drums. The other lead singer, Peggy Bowes, 20, is from Philadelphia.

Jeff Goss, 24, is on

keyboards and his home is in York, Pa. Playing bass guitar is Scott Porter, 19. Rounding out the six-member group is Frank Hutchinson, 24. He plays lead guitar and he, too, has roots in Philadelphia.

Music Tree reaches back ahead for its selections that include songs of the Top 40, pop, jazz, blues, swing and Broadway variety. And for a different approach it displays a show band act to boot! Included are puffs of smoke that accent their Broadway medley, and choreography throughout their routines.

Peggy's dynamic voice excels in Pippin. And Wendy's sweet, smooth, melodic voice is never better than when she sings "What I Did For Love." Good choreography is displayed in "Ease on Down the Road" from the Wiz.

The group sets the proper tone and mood for each number. I.E. How many songs have been written about the moon? That leads into "Fly Me to the Moon," the 1962 oldie but goodie."

Show times for Music Tree are: Friday, 7, 8, 9 and 10:00 p.m.; Saturday: 8, 9, 10 and 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9:00 p.m.

Opening Monday, June 26th in the Superdome will be last season's hit ensemble, "Trademark."

The first demolition derby of the season at Riverside Park Speedway will be on tap Sunday night. The rain date is Sunday, July 2.

Riverside park opens daily at 1 p.m.

Bloodmobile

There will be a Red Cross bloodmobile at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home, 61 Cooper Street on July 6, 1978 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The bloodmobile will be located in the West building, 2nd floor activity room. Call for an appointment between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. or drop in. The public is urged to donate blood at this time.



Visitors to the Boston Common June Dairy Festival this year, such as this group of children from the Golden Dome Day Care Center in Boston were treated to a puppet show on nutrition and good eating habits presented by three puppeteers from Agawam, Massachusetts. The three women are: Jean Moirano (center, holding puppet), Dale Melanson (above and to the left of Mrs. Moirano), and Joan Cavallo (to the right).

Dairy Festival at Boston Common

"June is Dairy Month" got off to an "udder-ly" good start as the Boston Common June Dairy Festival returned for its 23rd annual visit to that famous old cow pasture in downtown Boston. The Festival complete with cows which grazed on the Common lasted for six days, Monday, June 5, to Saturday, June 10.

The emphasis of the Dairy Festival was to explain to numerous groups of schoolchildren from throughout the Boston area how cows produce milk and to communicate to them the nutritional value of drinking milk. Dan Hurd, Regional Dairy Specialist for the Massachusetts Ex-

tension Service, was in the center ring explaining that marvelous milk producing machine known as a cow and bringing a few of the children inside the ring to test their skill at milking by hand. Many of these children had never seen a live cow before.

The children were also treated to a puppet show that explained eating habits and nutrition. Staff members from the New England Dairy and Food Council were on hand to answer questions on nutrition and dairy products from the thousands of schoolchildren and adults who visited the exhibits. The school group tours of the Dairy Festival ended an-

propriately enough, with a free carton of milk.

A yoke of oxen and the other barnyard animals on display showed visitors to the Dairy Festival some of the variety of livestock raised on American farms. In contrast to the milking by hand, the Dairy Festival on Wheels, a mobile milking parlor, demonstrated the modern age of milking by machine.

Each Wednesday, visitors were treated to a milking contest between radio announcers from different stations, State legislators, various branches of the armed forces, and other groups.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

The Agawam Police Department is sponsoring a Red Cross Bloodmobile on Wednesday, July 12th. The bloodmobile will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main St., and donor hours will be from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Summer is the time for vacations, but the need for blood never takes a vacation. So donate your blood before you take a trip.

Donors should be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be between the ages of 18 (17 with written

parental consent) and 65. A regular meal should be eaten within four hours of donation.

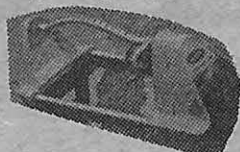
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Middle Schoolers enjoy a day at the YMCA family center on Perry Lane.

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Agawam Middle School students enjoyed the Y Family Center pool at a recent "class picnic."

photo by Jack Devine

Tea Time at Storowton

A great way to spend a summer afternoon is brewing at Storowton Village in West Springfield. Beginning June 28 and continuing through August, Wednesday afternoons are set aside as Tea Time in the Village with a new Colonial Tea Garden in the Phillips House Garden.

Herbal teas - hot or cold - will be served along with small herbal cookies from 2 to 4 p.m. in a colonial setting that will take the visitor back to the days of early America, when tea time was considered one of the most social times of the day.

According to June Cook, Storowton Village Director, tea was the social beverage and tea time was the time of day when everyone gathered for gossip and relaxation. For a short period of time, high tea was fashionable instead of dinner in many of the upperclass homes.

But, when tea was first introduced to the colonists, its use was misunderstood. Many people would stew the

tea leaves in butter, throw out what liquid collected, and much on the leaves.

Later, when the practice of drinking tea was understood, the leaves were highly valued and were used over and over again. The term "brewing" comes from the English expression for brewing beer.

At Storowton's Tea Garden, four different brews, representing the four different seasons of the year, will be available for sipping and enjoying. Kay Higgins, Storowton's Herb Lady, has created the blends that are similar to those sipped on by the early colonists.

Spring will be represented

by "Sunny Day Tea" which contains alfalfa, chamomile and peppermint. Summer's brew will be "Lemon Twist Tea" and will contain lemon grass and lemon balm. Fall will have "Spicy Mint Tea" mixing mints, dried orange peel and cloves. Winter's tea will be a special Storowton Blend containing raspberry leaf, peppermint and thyme.

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The workshop in non-denominational and open to public registration. It begins on Friday evening at 7p.m. and continues through Sunday at 3 p.m. Advance registration and a deposit of \$15 are required. Contact: Genesis, 53 Mill St., Westfield, MA 01085 413-562-3627.

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The game will be one that will stay with the members of this team for a long time, and give them the opportunity not only to play against boys from another country but talk with them at a party given after the game.

The soccer team is led offensively by the front line of Billy O'Brien, Ricky

Costa, Davy Jenks and David Duclos. Halfbacks supporting them are Tony Caputo, D. J. Chevalier, Craig Carrier, Mike Cormier and Andy Merrill. Helping the front line is Paul Koretz, Chris Kosak, Brian Tetreault, David Jenks, David Merrill and Steve Marcus.

Defensively the team is led by David Stratton, Tim Guamiari, John Duggan and Arthur Chase. The goal keeper who has done an excellent job all year for the team is Jeff Fuller.

The Agawam A.A. is very proud of these boys and hopes to see a real good turnout for this game. So remember Thursday, July 6 at 6:00, Agawam High School-The Agawam A.A.

Group Holiday Planned for Agawam A.A.

Calypto Travel, owned and operated by Dot and Chuck Marquis, is formulating a group holiday for members of the AAA and their families at Walt Disney World, Florida, in August of next year. In order to book sufficient numbers of rooms and to charter a plane for the exclusive use of the Association it will be necessary to have a ball park figure on number of families interested in this vacation. If the idea interests anyone please call Calypso Travel which is located at 58 Morgan Road in West Springfield at 736-7005 or 781-5793. Financing for the trip can be arranged.



Agawam VFW Post 1632 (Pioneer Valley Girls Softball League) 13-15 girls Jr. ASA fastpitch. Back row, left to right: Laurel Masi, Sandi Nascembeni, Jody Wright, Pat Niemic, Shari Baldarelli, Debbie Cheetham, Kathy Chase, Joanne Anderson, Jenny Ayre and Coach Sid Harvey. Front row, same order: Lori Harvey, Lois Strong, Mary Kamyk, Laura Gendron, Paula Gagnon, Pam Viens, Sandy Teal.

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The team was the 1976/77 Massachusetts State champs.

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The program will be taught by Nori Kudo, 6th Degree Black Belt Judo and 4th Degree Black Belt Karate.

For more information, contact Tina at the YMCA; 739-6951.



Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

This week I'm going to express some changes that I'd like to see next year concerning high school baseball and the state tournament. These aren't the exact propositions, but would benefit high school baseball in some sort of manner.

—First of all, let's cut the high school schedule down from 20 games to about 18 or 16. You've probably heard this one before. Unpredictable weather is the main reason. And, this season was a prime example with several teams scurrying about (five games in four days) to get in the necessary number of games played for tournament qualification.

—Let's begin the weekday tournament games by 3 p.m. Games aren't drawing crowds like they used to. This year's tourney contests brought a little better than the Tournament Committee expected, but not like they used to. Besides, the later starting times only cause headaches and extra travel expense for teams that have to travel to the site of a game a second day to complete the mandatory nine-inning game, called the first time by darkness or weather conditions.

—Last of all, let's play each contest by the rule we all know: A baseball game is official after 4-1/2 innings of play should darkness prevail before the end of a regulation

game. Sometimes traveling 40 or 50 miles the next day to play an inning and a half is ridiculous.

This nine-inning complete game rule has to be just about the most senseless guideline in the high school book. Just one example, the semi-final game between Chicopee Comp and Agawam, in which the Brownies won by the way. The game began on a Wednesday, then was prolonged over Thursday and Friday due to weather conditions. At the time of suspension of play the Brownies were leading 3-2 in the sixth inning. Two days later the final outcome was known—a 3-2 Brownie triumph. Now really, if this isn't the most ridiculous rule in the high school rulebook, what is? Besides a waste of time, money was also wasted by each team having to travel to Szot Park in Chicopee.

In case you haven't noticed yet, Gerry Smith is at the helm of the Agawam Post 185 Legion team once again this year. Smith also piloted the Agawam High baseball team to a 13-9 record, along with bringing them to the state tournament quarter and semi-final games.

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba



When the New England Outdoor Writers' decided they would hold their annual safari the 9th, 10th and 11th of June, Edie and I set our vacation dates in order to participate in the event. Lake Champlain was to be the focal point for the writers.

Ed Kehoe, Commissioner of the Vermont Fish and Game Dept. wanted the writers to take a crack at the fine fishing for warm water species such as walleyes, pike, bass (small mouth and large), perch and a possible salmon. The department had started a salmonid project with the results being two salmon taken this year at the mouth of the Lamoille River. The largest hit the scales at 11 lbs. This bit of news excited my wife and I. We are mainly cold water fishing buffs and salmon is our bag.

The potential of Lake Champlain as a salmonid fishery is tremendous. We sounded 100 ft. of water north of the Lamoille River and 80 feet directly off the mouth of it. Parts of the lake near the mouth of the Winooski River are over 105 feet deep.

We trolled leadcore four colors out in the deep water and took walleyes on junior moosehooks. The fish were all around the same weight . . . 3 lbs.

This is the first year in the last 18 that I haven't journeyed to Lake St. John in Quebec, Canada for landlock salmon fishing. St. John takes the place of the ocean and the salmon travel up the rivers to spawn. Ed Kehoe has dreams of establishing the same fishery system in Lake Champlain. He has been successful in getting legislative support of a \$50,000 appropriation for a feasibility study. The annual production of the project when completed will handle 600,000 salmon and trout. Ed is now working on obtaining federal aid for the hatchery. The total cost will be over 8 million dollars.

The safari was topped off with a fish fry put on by the Division and finalized with roast beef. Our hats are off to Ed Kehoe and his Department for a fine weekend.

We left Apple Island mid-morning Sunday and traveled to Morgan Center in the North East Kingdom. Our target being Lake

Seymour. I had reports that good size salmon could be had there. The fishing was superb. We boated nine salmon and lost a few on the way in. Everyone was sub-legal. In fact, after the first three fish, I took off the treble hooks and installed single hooks on the moosehooks. I didn't want to hurt the small salmon.

We traveled down to Maidstone Lake and camped in the State Park. The fishing was good with lake trout hitting frequently. However, they also were sub-legal. The bugs were so vicious that they drove us and the other campers out after one night. I have never witnessed such a barrage of insects before. Now I know what they mean when they report that in Canada, people have gone crazy from insect bites.

It is a shame that our legislators let themselves be brainwashed by the bottle lobby. We traveled over one thousand miles through Vermont and noted only one beer can beside the road. Five to six years ago, the roadsides resembled our streets here in Mass. . . open dumps, broken glass, paper and cans littering every foot of roadway, main and secondary roads in the same conditions. What a pleasure to travel over roads that are free of junk. Now I ask you . . .

If the bottle bill works in Vermont why won't it work here in Massachusetts? We didn't witness lines of unemployed people out of work because the Bottle Bill was adopted. In fact, the truth is that more people have been employed because of the bill.

One last observation before I wind up this column. I challenge anybody to find a boat ramp in Mass. that isn't littered with beer cans or bottles in the water. We could not help notice the lack of similar litter in the lakes we fished throughout Vermont. My hat is off to the people of Vermont for taking the bull by the horns and making their state one of beauty again.



Rudy Altobelli was the winner of the first Men's Single Tennis Tournament held by the Meadow's Racquet Club in Longmeadow. He beat the number one seeded player Sheldone Rosenthal by a score of 6-4; 6-4. Mr. Altobelli's name will appear on a plaque which will be on display at the club as the 1978 Men's Single Champion.

Agawam Man Exhibits Leaded Glass

The Ludlow Grange will hold its first Arts and Crafts Show on July 29 & 30, on the grounds of the Grange. One of the many area craftsmen exhibiting will be Charles F. Larson III of Agawam. Mr. Larson started his Leaded Glass craft as a hobby in 1976, from hobby to professional status was a quick jump after his first sale.

Mr. Larson who has

exhibited in many Art & Craft Fairs in the Greater Springfield area and Connecticut, is a member of the Connecticut Guild of Craftsmen and chairman of the Crafts Advisory Board at Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield.

Anyone interested in the Ludlow Grange Arts & Crafts Show may contact: Brian Bitgood 180 Lake Drive, Indian Orchard, Mass.

Cardone Makes Dean's List

Bryant College has announced that Christopher Cardone, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cardone, School St., Agawam has made the dean's list. He will be entering his sophomore year in September.

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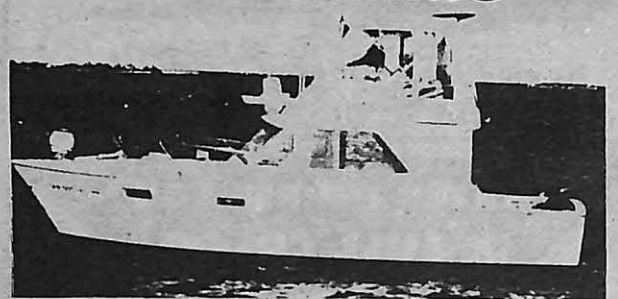
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Back row: Asst. Coach Barry Lariviere, Scott Healy, Kevin Prefontaine, Sean Hazen, Todd Mazza, and Coach Walt Hood. photo by Jack Devine

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The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is looking for energetic, enthusiastic, volunteers to work at Camp Rainbow, the Special Needs Camp this summer. Anyone 14 yrs. or older that is interested in gaining valuable experience through work with handicapped children is asked to contact the Parks and Recreation Office. Camp hours are 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday starting June 27th and ending August 17th.

Combined Church Services

During the month of July the Agawam Baptist and Congregational Churches will hold combined services at the Agawam Congregational Church each Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

Skippers Urged To Make Safety Check

Bay State boaters should exercise caution as they prepare for another summer on the water. Skippers and their boats need to be in top working order, the Insurance Information Institute warns. An unsafe pleasure boat can ruin cruising, fishing or water skiing expeditions and could cause significant property damage.

In 1977, the Coast Guard recorded 6,815 boating accidents resulting in 1,312 deaths, 1,272 injuries and more than \$11.5 million in property damage. In Massachusetts, there were 118 reported accidents causing 26 deaths, 23 injuries and \$252,700 in property damage. Actual injuries and property damage caused by vessel accidents are substantially greater than these figures suggest. Only 10 per cent of marine accidents involving injuries or property damage are reported to the Coast Guard.

Skippers are urged to check their boats carefully before casting off - whether they are planning to sail placidly on a local lake or race in a motorboat on the state's waterways. Three systems - fuel, electrical and steering - are vital to any craft's safety and must function perfectly. Connections, fastenings, protective casings and other parts of each system should be expertly checked for potential hazards. Boat owners also are advised to check their insurance policies to make sure they are adequately protected, the Institute advises.

Insurance companies provide physical damage coverage for the boat, motor, trailer, and equipment, the Institute notes. Boat owners also should

consider purchasing protection and indemnity coverage to protect themselves and their guests from legal claims arising out of injury to others or damage to property of others. Collision liability insures the boat owner for damage to other boats caused by collision. Many insurance companies offer a five per cent discount on physical damage premium rates to boat owners who have completed a Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron course.

Skippers can obtain help and advise in checking the safety of their boats by contacting the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will, upon request, conduct a Courtesy Marine Examination (CME) of recreational boats to check various safety criteria. Boats meeting the safety standards are awarded the CME decal "Seal of Safety." The Coast Guard considers this examination to be a one-to-one exchange of boating safety information. They will not report the owner of an unsafe vessel to any law enforcement official.

Floation devices are essential to safe boating expeditions. Floation insures that a boat will stay afloat in the event of a swamping or capsizing. This is vital since most boating fatalities are caused by drowning associated with capsizing. If a boat does capsize, its crew should stay with the boat, the Institute warns.

Boats have Limitations More than half the boating accidents in 1977 resulted from collisions with fixed or floating objects. Pleasant boating requires not only a well-designed, safety-equipped boat, but also an alert

skipper who exercises sound judgment. Boat owners, and not adverse weather conditions, are responsible for most vessel accidents. A majority of those vessels involved in accidents in 1977 were sailing on calm water with light or moderate winds and good visibility! Far more accidents were caused by improper lookout (1,062) than poor visibility (38).

Skippers should make sure that load capacities of their vessels are observed - whether measured in pounds or number of people. Some newer boats will have a plaque attached to indicate that capacity. On others, owners might inquire of the manufacturer or retailer, or of their local Coast Guard Auxiliary for advice.

Many boats have also been tested for maximum speed or power output under optimal conditions, i.e. with a light-load and calm waters. When these recommendations are not on a plaque attached to a craft, the Institute recommends owners check out this data as well.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers the public a wide variety of free boating safety courses. Experienced boatsmen use slides, movies and practical demonstrations to teach courses that vary in length from 13 lessons to a short one lesson "starter" course. A home study program, "The Skipper's Course" is available from the Superintendent of Documents for a nominal \$1.50 (order No. 050-012-00050-06; Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20401).

O'Neill Seeks Insulation Investigation

Massachusetts Lt. Governor Tom O'Neill and Secretary of Consumer Affairs Christine Sullivan are pressing the federal government to investigate formaldehyde used in home foam insulation.

Urea formaldehyde, a chemical commonly used in foam insulation, is suspected of causing allergic reactions and headaches. In a letter to

the President and eight other federal agency officials, O'Neill and Sullivan asked for a study into charges that its fumes can irritate mucous membranes, burn the eyes, and cause allergies.

"Recent articles... and complaints from Massachusetts residents regarding fumes emitted by formaldehyde products,

including foam insulation, have alarmed us very much," the two state officials wrote in the letter. While questions have been raised and the Consumer Product Safety Commission has received over 200 complaints since last October, no federal agency has yet acted, they charged.

"The problem is that none of the questions has been answered, and no single state has the resources needed to do the research necessary to find the answers," they wrote. "Those of us charged with the formulation and implementation of the state's energy policy... are presently faced with an untenable situation. On the one hand, we publicly support home insulation and constantly urge the public to invest in insulation. On the other hand, enough questions have been raised about health hazards associated with urea-formaldehyde to give us all pause." People with questions about formaldehyde home insulation are urged to contact the Consumer Affairs Self-Help Information Office at 727-7780, or by writing, Room 1413, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston 02108.

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



With a little luck and a LOT of work, your vegetable garden should be looking really good about now. Here are a few tips to try to keep everything looking and growing right. When you grow tomatoes, a couple of little things can make life easier for your tomato plants. If you grow staked plants, try and put the stake in the ground before or at planting time, so there won't be root injury to the plants by pounding the stakes in beside established plants. When tying the plants to the stakes, use a soft material like strips of an old sheet or a nylon stocking. Make a single loose loop around the stem and cross the ends and make a tight tie with a double loop and a firm knot around the stake. This 'figure eight' loop leaves room for the stem to move with the wind and weight of the fruits and securely anchors the stem to the stake. Always remember to tie the plants so that the fruits will be away from the stake. Also, if you do grow staked tomatoes, place the stake downwind of the plant to provide the best support and lessen the pull on the tie.

If you don't want to wear gloves out in the garden, scratch a bar of soap before you go out. Dirt under the fingernails will wash our easily. A very dense row of pole beans planted on the north side of the tomato patch will provide extra warmth for the tomatoes and ward off chilling winds in early autumn. If you are growing onions, be sure to

cut off all seed pods as they form on the tops of the stalks. Pick parsley early in the morning, before the delicate oils have evaporated. Keep the older outer stems picked off. The newest leaves have the best taste.

Either new house or old, evergreens are indispensable for around the foundation of the house. They strengthen the design, and also can absorb sound. I must admit, I have a few around my house, but I much prefer the broadleaf evergreens to the needle type. Azaleas, mountain laurel, rhododendrons, and hollies are some of my favorites. The idea that every foot of house foundation must be concealed is silly. A number of choise bushes properly placed will grow into a display of specimens that will have the neighbors worried. If you have to have larger bushes, invest the money in quality items and learn how to prune and care for them. A house that is buried behind a hodge-podge of needle evergreens and random shrubs is not pretty. Neither a house lined up behind a single row of little green things that are supposed to be bushes, very attractive. Use your imagination a little bit and don't be afraid to include a favorite shrub of some kind.

NEXT WEEK: Some hints on harvesting from the vegetable garden; Woodchucks and racoons. KEEP SMILING! JMC

"Wise Rental Practices" Available From HUD

Not everyone wants to or can afford to own a house. Homeownership is a responsibility and a commitment. The alternative is renting. Renting has its advantages. You retain mobility and avoid the process of disposing of a house while uprooting a family, if a move is necessary. Maintenance, upkeep, and devaluation of property are avoided.

If you have made the decision to rent, HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) has published a very informative booklet entitled "Wise Rental Practices." The booklet is yours for the asking at any HUD area or insuring office. The Boston Area Office is located at 15 New Chardon Street, Boston 02114. Tel.: (617) 223-4100.

"Wise Rental Practices" was published to assist consumers in the rental market to make informed decisions about how to meet their housing needs satisfactorily, and it is indispensable for the tenant. It tells you what to consider before making any decision; primary attention should be paid to your housing needs and lifestyle.

DO get and KEEP this booklet in a safe place for use after you occupy your rented housing.



The Silver Carriage Inn's Men's softball team are pictured at Borgatti field recently. Front row, left to right, they are: Tom DalMolin, coach Al Sapelli, Captain Bud Ramah, Mike Keavany, Jeff Martini, and Randy Economidy. Back row, same order: Brian Jarry, Rick Doleva, Bob King, Brian Telford, Sparky Ertel, and Greg Pytko. The team had an 8-1 record at press time. photo by Jack Devine

Conservation Commission

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Abbett Tax	6 4	5 5	
Corey Colonial	6 4	1 9	
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